



Surveying the Environment Along 188

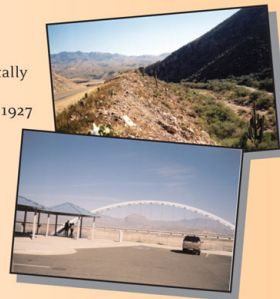
There are few highways in Arizona with more historic, cultural, and environmentally sensitive features along them than SR 188. There's the old Globe High Line Road (built in 1903), the Arizona Eastern Railroad track and grade from 1909, and the 1927 Roosevelt to Miami Telephone Line, among many other historic sites. There are animals, birds, and plants that require special treatment under federal guidelines, and protected archaeological sites abound in the area.

To identify these sites and make sure we protected them when we redesigned and rebuilt SR 188, ADOT began by making a thorough survey of the proposed highway alignment on horseback, foot, 4-wheel drive vehicle, and helicopter. All together, 77 historic and prehistoric sites and 160 isolated artifacts sites were found in the archaeological survey.

This survey was particularly important in planning the route for the new alignment of highway between Devore Wash and Resort Road in order to preserve several historic sites.



ADOT, working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Arizona Game and Fish Department, who oversee riparian habitat and marshy wetland areas, redesigned the highway alignment at Murray Wash to avoid a well developed riparian area as well as an historic water catchment.



For more information on the SR 188 Corridor improvements call 1-888-472-1930.

For information on other ADOT improvement projects across the state, see the ADOT website at www.dot.state.az.us or call ADOT's Travel Information Hotline at 1-888-411-7623.



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An Update on State Route 188

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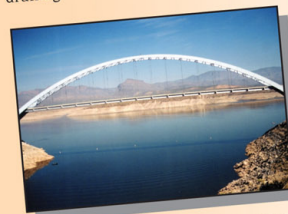
The Arizona Department of Transportation is working on a 6 year, multi-project reconstruction of State Route 188 from Globe to Roosevelt Lake. The improvements are about 50% complete.



Dear SR 188 Motorists and Community Members,

Getting from Globe to Roosevelt Lake is getting easier and safer. That's because the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is making tremendous progress in improving State Highway 188 in this popular recreational and tourist area.

The reconstruction of SR 188 has been underway since the late 1990's. It's being done in phases to provide a safer traveling environment for motorists during construction. About ten miles of the highway has been completed. In the completed sections, drivers will see that it has been widened, line of site and other safety improvements have been made, and drainage issues have been addressed. Drivers will also notice a much-improved scenic view from the new road. The Highway is located for the most part in relatively difficult, rural terrain and our contractors have been doing a terrific job of producing a quality highway, on schedule under trying conditions.



Right now, we're working with FNF Construction on the section of highway north from Resort Road 9.1 miles (mileposts 232.8 to 242). This section is about 75 percent complete. The next section to be constructed will be seven and a half miles of roadway between Resort Road and Devore Wash. We expect that to begin in late 2003.

By the way, motorists who drive this highway frequently will notice the change in number from 88 to 188. The change was made official in 2001 and reflects ADOT's policy of not having two separately numbered routes that serve the same area. So SR 188 now signifies the main route from Globe to Payson. The State Route 88 number was preserved for the historic Apache Trail.

Thanks for your patience and cooperation as the Globe District of ADOT works to improve our highways in central Arizona.

Sincerely,

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